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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 2271/75819
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2005/012273	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 28 June 2005	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 1075600864
TITLE OF INVENTION MAINTENANCE/RECOVERY DEVICE FOR LIQUID DISCHARGE DEVICE, AND IMAGE FORMING DEVICE		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Masanori KUSUNOKI, Toshitaka OSANAI, Noboru HIRAMATSU and Michio YAMAMOTO		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by ½.				
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